

Dying Speeches, &c.

Of those inhuman Murderers, **MARY KNOTT**, for the Murder of a French Emigrant Nobleman, in Monmouth Court, Whitcomb-street **RICHARD LUDMAN**, for the Murder of George Hebner, in Dean-street, East-Smithfield, and **ELEANOR HUGHES** who were executed this morning

With a Copy of a Letter sent by Richard Ludman, to his Parents, the Night before his execution.



ON Friday Mary Notts was tried for the murder of M. Le Marquis de Gripiere Mancroe de Laval, in the house in which he lodged, and which she had the care of, in Monmouth-court, Whitcomb-street, the 29th of May. It appeared in evidence, that the Count, who was of strong constitution, and about 58 years of age, had by the Revolution in France lost a property of 240,000l; that he was supported by the bounty of this court, and that with infinite fortitude he submitted to this sad reverse of fortune. After a very long trial, in which several witnesses gave strong circumstantial evidence, the Jury returned a verdict—Guilty, and the Recorder pronounced the sentence of the court, that she shall be executed on Monday next. Mary Nott is 63 years of age.

On Saturday Richard Ludman, Ann Rhodes, Eleanor Hughes, and Mary Baker, were indicted for the murder of George Hebner, a tailor, in a house of ill fame, kept by Mrs. Hughes, in Dean-street, East-Smithfield. The unfortunate man was found hanging by the neck, with his hands tied behind his back. There was no direct and positive proof of the guilt of the prisoners; but there was most suspicious circumstances against Ludman and Hughes. The Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer summed up the evidence with great precision, candour, and humanity. It was on the expressions of the prisoner chiefly rested. The Jury retired about an hour—Verdict, R. Ludman and E. Hughes, Guilty; A. Rhodes and M. Baker, Not Guilty. Sentence of death was immediately passed by the Recorder. E. Hughes pleaded pregnancy. A Jury of matrons was immediately summoned;

who retired, and brought in a verdict—that she was with child, tho' not quick.

Since the fatal sentence they have behaved in a becoming penitential manner.

This morning they were brought to the fatal scaffold attended by the Ordinary of Newgate, &c. They behaved in the most penient manner joining earnestly in prayer with the Clergyman. After praying some, the fatal noose was properly adjusted by the executioner, and, on the signal being given, they were launched into eternity. After hanging the usual time their bodies were delivered to the surgeons to be dissected.

The night before his execution Ludman wrote the following letter, addressed to his parents. He is a young man had been lately at Greenland, and engaged in the sea-faring line of life.

HONOR'D PARENTS,

"In the midst of my sufferings I feel for your situation on the receipt of this; which, ere you receive I shall be no more. Oh, my dear parents—the agony I now feel prevents my proceeding—Lewd women have been my ruin; to morrow morning I die for the worst of crimes—Murder—May my gracious Saviour receive my soul and be your comforter is the dying prayer of your unfortunate son,

R. LUDMAN."

At the place of execution, Rudman made a short, but effecting speech to the multitude—He hoped young men, by his example, would avoid lewd women, and bad houses, them alone being the origin of his misfortunes.